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SUBJECT: AMERICAN IN RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT: BICENTENNIAL SPEAKERS

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1. POST VERY INTERESTED IN OSCAR HANDLIN (FIRST CHOICE) AND ARTHUR MANN (SECOND CHOICE) AS POSSIBLE BICENTENNIAL SPEAKERS, EITHER AS VOLSPKRS OR AS AMSPECS IF OTHER AREA POSTS WOULD CO-SPONSOR.

2. BECAUSE OF SHORT LEAD TIME HANDLIN COULD NOT BE PROGRAMMED JANUARY 19-FEBRUARY 8 PERIOD. PLS ADVISE OTHER AVAILABLE DATES LATER IN SPRING. TWO OR THREE WORKING-DAY PROGRAM OF LECTURES, SEMINARS AND ROUNDTABLES WITH LEADING ROMANIAN HISTORIANS AND SOCIOLOGISTS COULD BE PROFITABLY ARRANGED. SUBJECTS OF GREATEST ROMANIAN INTEREST: HANDLIN - AMERICAN ETHNICITY; EXPERIENCE WITH MINORITY PROBLEMS; "NATION", "PEOPLE", "MINORITY" IN U.S. TERMS, AND VIEW OF FUTURE PROSPECTS.

3. MANN COULD BE PROGRAMMED FOR TWO OR THREE WORKING DAYS DURING EITHER MARCH 22-APRIL 11 OR MAY 11-24 PERIOD. SUBJECTS OF GREATEST ROMANIAN INTEREST: MANN - CITIES, URBAN EXPERIENCE, PROSPECTIVE AS WELL AS RETROSPECTIVE VIEW, SOCIAL AND ETHNIC FABRIC. FYI: ROMANIAN SOCIOLOGISTS ARE OF COURSE INTERESTED MOSTLY IN WHAT FORM U.S. EXPERIENCE IS APPLICABLE TO ROMANIA'S PROBLEMS. ROMANIA IS A TIGHTLY DISCIPLINED "UNITARY" STATE (NOT A MULTI-NATIONAL CONGLOMERATION LIKE YUGOSLAVIA AND USSR), AND RESEARCH IS CLOSELY ORIENTED TO PARTY GUIDANCE.

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MAGYAR MINORITY AND RAPIDLY URBANIZED POST-PEASANTRY ARE

CHIEF PROBLEMS. END FYI.

3. IF OUR FIRST CHOICES, HANDLIN AND MANN ARE NOT AVAILABLE  
WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN VANN WOODWARD OR PETERSON.  
PLS ADVISE.  
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